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Subject to the approval of this Court, Plaintiff ROXAN GANCINIA ("Plaintiff") and Defendant T.J. MAXX OF CA ("Defendant" or "T.J. Maxx") (collectively the "Parties") hereby jointly move and stipulate submit this matter to binding arbitration and stay this action pending resolution in that forum.

RECITALS

- 1. Plaintiff is a former employee of T.J. Maxx.
- 2. In January 2014, Plaintiff received notice of and entered into a Binding Arbitration Agreement ("Agreement") with T.J. Maxx, in which the parties mutually agreed that any claims arising out of or related to Plaintiff's employment with any affiliates or subsidiaries of T.J. Maxx, would be resolved by an arbitrator through final and binding arbitration, and not by way of a court or jury trial.
- 3. On October 26, 2022, Plaintiff filed a Complaint in the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of San Joaquin. (ECF No. 1-1.) Defendant timely removed the matter to the United States District Court, Eastern District of California. (ECF No. 1.) Defendant also began the meet and confer process as it relates to the Agreement entered by Plaintiff.
- 4. After removal, Defendant moved to compel arbitration related to Plaintiff's Agreement, as their responsive pleading while the meet and confer process continued.
- 5. As a result of the meet and confer process, the Parties have agreed to submit Plaintiff's individual claims in this lawsuit to binding arbitration, and dismissal of the class based claims, pursuant to the Agreement.
- 6. The parties further agree and stipulate that, pursuant to Federal Arbitration Act ("FAA") § 3 (9 U.S.C. §3), the remaining individual pending legal action should be stayed until the arbitration proceedings are completed.
- 7. Based on the above, the Parties submit there is good cause to stay the instant action and vacate any and all dates for the purpose of facilitating arbitration of the claims asserted in the Complaint.
 - 8. Therefore, the Parties stipulate and agree, and make this joint motion pursuant to

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Case 2:22-cv-02161-TLN-JDP Document 10 Filed 03/28/23 Page 4 of 6 1 Local Rule 143 for an order staying this action pending resolution of the matter in arbitration. 2 STIPULATION AND MUTUAL AGREEMENT TO ARBITRATE 1. 3 Plaintiff agrees to dismiss the class portion of the case and submit his individual 4 claims as set forth in the Complaint to binding arbitration. 5 2. The Parties jointly move this action shall be stayed pending resolution of the 6 arbitration, and all dates currently on calendar be vacated. 7 3. The Parties will advise the Court within 5 days of any settlement or resolution of claims by award rendered by the Arbitrator so the Court may dismiss this action. 8 9 10 Dated: March 28, 2023 /s/ Roman Otkupman 11 Roman Otkupman OTKUPMAN LAW FIRM 12 Attorneys for Plaintiff BUCHÁNAN IRISH 13 14 15 Dated: March 28, 2023 /s/ Brittany L. McCarthy Bradley E. Schwan 16 Jannine E. Kranz Brittany L. McCarthy 17 Amanda Fleming LITTLER MENDELSON, P.C. 18 Attorneys for Defendant T.J. MAXX OF CA, LLC 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27

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LITTLER MENDELSON, P.C. Attorneys at Law 2001 Ross Avenue Suite 1500, Lock Box 116 Dallas, TX 75201.2931 214.880.8100 JOINT MOTION TO STAY CASE PENDING RESOLUTION IN ARBITRATION; ORDER

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1	<u>ORDER</u>			
2 3		Pursuant to the Parties' stipulation, the Joint Motion is GRANTED. It is hereby		
4	ORDE	ERED:		
5	1.	The class claims are hereby dismissed and the individual action is ordered to arbitration.		
6	2.	This matter is stayed pending resolution of arbitration.		
7	3.	All dates currently set are hereby VACATED.		
8	4.	The Parties are to advise the Court within 5 days of any settlement or resolution of claims		
9		by award rendered by the Arbitrator so the Court may dismiss this action.		
10		IT IS SO ORDERED.		
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12	Dated	March 28, 2023		
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